

The Michigan Freedom Trail Commission Newsletter

Newsletter

Spring 2006

About the National Network to Freedom (From the Network Website)

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program of the National Park Service is authorized to create the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, or the "Network."

The Network is a diverse collection of elements comprised of historic sites and properties, and facilities and programs that have a verifiable association to the Underground Railroad. It is a significant but distinct part of the Network to Freedom Program.

Michigan Sites and Programs accepted to the Network

- Caroline Quarlls: A Family Legacy of Freedom [Detroit program]
- Flight to Freedom at Historic First Congregational Church of Detroit [Detroit program]
- Free Soil Underground Railroad Sightseeing Bus Tour [Vandalia program]
- Guy Beckley House [Ann Arbor site]
- International Underground Railroad Heritage Program [Detroit program]
- Jonathan Walker Grave and Marker [Muskegon site]
- Journey to Freedom Underground Railroad Tours [Ann Arbor program]
- Underground Railroad Monument [Battle Creek site]
- W.W. Harwood Farmstead [Ann Arbor site]

Next Deadline: July 15, 2006

Visit www.cr.nps.gov/ugrr/ for more information on the Network.

Conferences, Con't

August 10-12, 2006

4th Bi-annual
Friends of First and
Michigan Freedom
Trail Commission
Symposium.
*Documenting,
Interpreting and
Promoting the
UGRR and
Resistance to
Slavery in the
Canada, the
Midwest and
Kentucky.*

The symposium will
feature workshops
for members of
historical societies,
avocational
historians and
educators on the
methods of
documentation and
highlight interpretive
programs such as
tours, performances
and exhibits.

For more
information contact
Friends of First
Living Museum
(313) 831-4080

Conferences

June 9-11, 2006

*Borderlands IV: Underground Railroad Collaborative Research Conference and historic site tours:
Organizing History People Places Trails and Local Stories*

Co-sponsored by Northern Kentucky University's Institute for Freedom Studies and the National Freedom Center

Conference registration fee is \$35.00.
Historic site tour fee is \$40.00

Register by phone please call Community Connections 859.572.5600

For more information visit
www.nku.edu/~freedom/boarderlandsIIItest.php

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The Michigan Freedom Trail Register

Almost two years ago, The Michigan Freedom Trail Commission launched the Michigan Freedom Trail Register to identify and promote sites, programs and facilities that tell the story of the Underground Railroad (UGRR) and anti-slavery activity in Michigan. Individuals, groups or organization are encouraged to attend the August 2006 symposium for assistance in preparing applications for sites in their communities.

Forms to nominate sites and programs can be found on the web at www.michigan.gov/freedomtrail or call (517)335-2726.

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Grant Opportunity

The National Park Service's (NPS) National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom announced this year's grant Competition for National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Stewards who own/manage, prepare applications, or steward for a Network member.

Grants are intended for the preservation and restoration of historic sites, as well as support for related research and documentation for sites, programs and facilities that have been listed in the Network. Only sites, facilities and programs currently listed in Network to Freedom are eligible to compete for these matching grants.

All applications must be received by May 31st, 2006.

For more information on the Network to Freedom at <http://209.10.16.21/Template/FrontEnd>

Call for Cast Members

The Friends of First Living Museum announces a call of individuals interested in learning and reenacting the lives of key people involved in the Underground Railroad and resistance to slavery in Michigan. The Museum seeks African American and European women and men to assume the roles of characters aged 22-50. An audition meeting is to be announced for Late June. Minimal acting/reenacting experience necessary. For more information call Friends of First Living Museum (313) 831-4080.